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Growing Presence In Coal Grows B&E International's Capabilities

Raubex Group company B&E International's 15 years of experience in coal today places it in the top rung of crushing and screening specialists in this competitive segment of mining, according to director of operations Sandile Mazibuko.

"Our expertise – developed mainly in hard rock mining and quarrying – is today employed in processing about 4,8 million tonnes of coal a year for local and export markets, using our static and mobile plants," says Mazibuko. "In a recent engineering, procurement, construction and management (EPCM) contract to a customer in Mpumalanga, we designed, manufactured and commissioned a 1,000 tonne per hour coal crushing plant on their site."

He highlights that B&E International's considerable in-house design and fabrication facilities allow the company to develop cost effective solutions that met and exceeded customer requirements. In addition to the mobile plants for which it is well known, the company also develops large static plants for high throughput applications.

"We have processed at least 25 million tonnes of coal for customers since we entered this segment, at more than 30 sites around South Africa's coalfields," he says. "Our considerable project capability can cater for various sizes of plants, from major mining operations to smaller coal operators needing just 150 tph."

Among the applications for B&E International's coal crushing and screening plants has been as stand-in equipment for mines during an emergency or a scheduled plant shutdown for upgrading. However, the company also offers a full build-own-and-operate (BOO) option to coal miners, reducing operating risk and substantially cutting capital expenditure demands for new projects.

In addition, its stockpile management and materials handling expertise allows B&E International to offer mine rehabilitation services, conducted with its own trained operators and fleet of key equipment such as hydraulic excavators, front-end loaders, articulated dump trucks and water bowsers.

To assist customers in addressing their procurement requirements in terms of local suppliers and enterprise development, B&E International has also developed innovative partnership solutions to meet growing requirements for local economic participation in coal projects. It is even setting up an office in the Mpumalanga town of Belfast, to be closer to customers and to take a more hands-on approach to supporting its small business partners in the coalfields.

B&E GROWS PIC 01 : Sandile Mazibuko, director operations at B&E International.

B&E GROWS PIC 02 : Mobile crushing and screening plants offer optimum flexibility for end users.

B&E GROWS PIC 03 : Crushing underway in a coal application.

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